(c) There is no specific case of malfunctioning of any schools reported to their Board.

(d)and(e) Do not arise.

Promotion in Central Hindi Directorate

5204. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officers belonging to SC are being denied the benefits of due promotion to the post of Assistant Director under the Internal Promotion Scheme for a considerable period in Central Hindi Directorate;

(b) if so, the justification for such discrimination and the details of number of officers affected as a result thereof; and

(c) by when such officers would be given their due promotion and reasons for delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAIRAMJIBHAIKATHIRIA): (a) No, Sir. At present, out of four alive posts in the grade of Assistant Director in the Central Hindi Directorate (CHD), two posts are occupied by SC category officers.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Mapping of Living Resources

5205. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Ocean Development was created *inter alia* to map living resources, prepare an inventory of commercially exploitable fauna and map and assess the availability of mineral resources from the deep sea;

(b) if so, the achievement made so far in these areas: and

(c) the plans set out for 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI):(a)YesSir.

(b) Some of the achievements so far:

Assessment of Demersal fishery resources has been carried in the 200 to 600m depth area in the Indian EEZ. The catch per unit efforts (CPUE) ranges from 14to143kg/hr.

The commercially important fauna available are Shrimp, Ribbon fish, Lizzard fish. Thread fin bream. Bull's eye and Indian ruff.